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by the influx of brackish water. To prevent such damages to the crops, the Member suggested that the breaches in the bund extending from the Thottapally lock to Kunnalipalom on the east, and to the western extremity on the other side, should be arranged to be closed properly in time. He also pointed out that sowing in the *punja* fields began by the end of the month of Vrischikam. So, from the 15th Vrischikam, the Thottapally lock must be opened. Before that time, all the breaches must be shut, to prevent the influx of brackish water.

Dewan's reply.—The proposals of the Member will be communicated to the Chief Engineer.

115. Improvement of the canals etc.

Mr. P. J. John (Member, Alleppey T. I. C.) requested that the following works might be carried out:—

(1) The extension of the Wada canal roads on either side up to the entrance to the Cochin canal.

(2) Connecting the southern side road to the main canal road of Chengannoor.

(3) The opening of the small canal leading to the Vattakayal from the Pallathurithi river.

Dewan's reply.—Noted.

IV. PADMANABHAPURAM DIVISION.

TOVALA TALUK.

116. Reservation of land for fuel, manure leaves, and agricultural implements, etc.

Messrs. M. Sivathanoo Pillai and T. Madhavan Pillai (Members, Tovala Taluk) represented that all lands within a radius of one mile from inhabited and registered areas should be excluded from the Reserved Forests bordering on the Tovala taluk, for the free supply of fuel, manure leaves, agricultural implements, etc., or that free passes should be issued empowering the ryots to take the above articles from the Reserved Forests.

Dewan's reply.—The allegations of the ryots of the Tovala taluk, in regard to the difficulty of procuring agricultural implements and manure leaves, will be enquired into. A joint report from the Conservator of Forests and the Peishkar of the Division will be called for.

117. Opening of a hospital at Alagiapandiapuram

Mr. T. Madhavan Pillai (Member, Tovala Taluk) said that Tovala was a mountainous taluk and as such people were suffering from many kinds of disease. Therefore the necessity of a hospital in the taluk was keenly felt by the people. In connection with the Tovala Channel Works, there was a temporary hospital established at Thatikaramkonom. People were much benefited by it. Now that has been shifted to Sitapal. Therefore the Member requested

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that a hospital might be established at Alagiapandiapuram, the central point of the taluk, or that the hospital at Sitapal might be shifted to Alagiapandiapuram as the works at Sitapal were almost over.

Dewan's reply.—When the Tovala Works are over and the P. W. hospital at Sitapal is closed, you may represent matters to Government, and the opening of a dispensary at Bhuthapandy will then be considered.

118. The early completion of the Tovala Channel.

Mr. Syed Mahomed Ibrahim Pilla (Member, Nominated) prayed that the Tovala Channel might be completed very soon.

Dewan's reply.—We are getting on with it as expeditiously as we can.

AGASTISWARAM TALUK.

119. Removal of certain agricultural impediments in the Agastiswaram taluk.

Mr. C. Vairavanatha Pillai (Member, Agastiswaram Taluk) said that, on account of the scouring sluices being in a state of disrepair, and owing to the existence of the Mission dam, 2,000 acres of paddy land situated on both sides of the Pazhayar river were submerged and the agriculturists sustained great loss. The Member requested that three scouring sluices might be opened in the Pillapattu dam, that the kal feeding the Mission lands might be deepened, and the Mission dam itself ordered to be removed, so as to prevent the silting up of the Pazhayar river.

Dewan.—The necessary investigation is being made.

120. Investing the Tahsildar of Agastiswaram with Magisterial jurisdiction over the Suchindram pidagai etc.

Mr. C. Vairavanatha Pillai (Member, Agastiswaram Taluk) said that the *pukuthies* of the Agastsiwaram Taluk had lately been placed under the jurisdiction of the Kottar Magistrate. So, misdeeds in the Suchindram temple, a very important one in the State, would have to be checked by a Magistrate far away from Suchindram. By the time the reports of the misdeeds reached the Magistrate, evidence was likely to be suppressed and the guilty left unpunished. Therefore, the Member prayed that the Tahsildar of Agastiswaram might be given the Magisterial jurisdiction over the Suchindram *pidagai*, as otherwise it would be difficult to control effectually the Suchindram temple affairs.

Dewan's reply.—Noted.

121. The abolition of the S. M. R. V. Technical Institute, Nagercoil.

Mr. M. Subramonia Pillai (Member, Agastiswaram Taluk) said that the S. M. R. V. Technical Institute at Nagercoil was a very useful institution in imparting instruction in technical subjects. The abolition of the institution was indeed very lamentable. He therefore requested that either the G. O. No. 1854, dated 27--8--09,

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